

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-16 and 19-20 are pending. Claims 17-18 were canceled in a previous Amendment. Claims 1, 9 and 19 have been amended. The amendment to claim 19 was done to maintain proper antecedence in light of amendments made to its base claim. No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 3-5 and 11-13.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 6-10, 14-16 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,300,931 to Someya et al. ("Someya").

Someya discloses a light crystal display (LCD) device 21 having a light source 20. Someya discloses that when the light source 20 switches from ON to OFF, or from OFF to ON, a change in color tone can occur. Someya discloses countering this phenomenon (*see* Someya, col. 4, lines 41-49). However, Someya fails to disclose, or suggest, any color adjustment when there is a change in the display signal while the ON/OFF status of light 20 does not change.

In the claimed invention, image information from the display signal, including information regarding an attribute of the display signal, is acquired by an image information acquisition unit. The attribute is not the display signal itself, and is not determined according to the ON/OFF status of the lighting unit. The parameter unit generates a parameter based on at least the acquired image information. Thus, when a picture expressed by the display signal changes the attribute, and consequently, the parameter also change. However the invention is not so limited, and the parameter unit can successively output the same parameter based on differing successive combinations of display signal, and/or attribute, and/or light state.

Amended independent claim 1 recites “a parameter unit operable to generate a parameter based on the image information or the image information in combination with a light state of said lighting unit, and operable to output the generated parameter.” Independent claim 9 has been similarly amended. In contrast, Someya fails to disclose or suggest generating a parameter based either exclusively on image information of the display signal, or on the image information in combination with a light state of the lighting unit.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Someya does not disclose each and every feature of amended independent claims 1 and 9. Therefore, Someya does not anticipate the invention of claims 1 and 9. Claims 2, 6-8 and 19-20 depend from claim 1. Claims 10 and 14-16 depend from claim 9. Applicants submit that claims 2, 6-8, 10, 14-16 and 19-20 are patentable over Someya for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated September 6, 2006 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-16, 19-20 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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